

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

December 2007

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended December 8, 2007, there were 499,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan during December 2007, a decrease of 6,800 from November 2007 but 1,800 more than the number employed in December 2006.

Agricultural employment was 38,400 persons in December 2007, down 3,300 from the November 2007 level and 6,400 less than the December 2006 agricultural employment level of 44,800. Non-agricultural employment was 460,700 persons in December 2007. This is a decrease of 3,500 from the November 2007 non-agriculture employment level of 464,200 but 8,200 more than December 2006.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for December 2007 was 3.8 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the November 2007 rate of 3.7 percent but 0.1 percentage points lower than the December 2006 level of 3.9 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 6,400 to 518,800 persons in December 2007 from 525,200 persons in November 2007. This is 1,500 more than the December 2006 labour force of 517,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 1.0 percentage points to 68.4 percent in December 2007 from 69.4 percent in November 2007. The December 2006 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.3 percent.

There were 19,700 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during December 2007. This is an increase of 400 from November 2007 but is 300 less than the number unemployed in December 2006.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 504,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan in December 2007, down 3,000 from the November 2007 level of 507,400 but is up 1,600 from the December 2006 employment level of 502,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2007 was 4.0 percent. This unchanged from both November 2007 and December 2006.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 80,100 persons in December 2007 to 16,929,800 persons from 17,009,900 persons in November 2007. In December 2006, there were 16,574,500 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in December 2007, unchanged from November 2007. In December 2006, Canada's unemployment rate 5.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.9 percent in December 2007. This is unchanged from November 2007 but 0.2 percentage points lower than the December 2006 level of 6.1 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	December 2007	November 2007	December 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	17,929.1	18,022.8	17,577.9	-93.7	351.2
Employed ('000)	16,929.8	17,009.9	16,574.5	-80.1	355.3
Full-Time ('000)	13,702.0	13,772.8	13,425.8	-70.8	276.2
Part-Time ('000)	3,227.8	3,237.1	3,148.7	-9.3	79.1
Unemployed ('000)	999.3	1,012.9	1,003.4	-13.6	-4.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.6	5.7	0.0	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.9	5.9	6.1	0.0	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	67.1	67.5	66.7	-0.4	0.4
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	518.8	525.2	517.3	-6.4	1.5
Employed ('000)	499.1	505.9	497.3	-6.8	1.8
Full-Time ('000)	403.7	407.9	397.6	-4.2	6.1
Part-Time ('000)	95.5	98.1	99.7	-2.6	-4.2
Unemployed ('000)	19.7	19.3	20.0	0.4	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8	3.7	3.9	0.1	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.4	69.4	69.3	-1.0	-0.9
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,045.0	2,038.9	1,963.3	6.1	81.7
Employed ('000)	1,982.3	1,962.7	1,899.5	19.6	82.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,655.8	1,644.5	1,594.4	11.3	61.4
Part-Time ('000)	326.5	318.3	305.2	8.2	21.3
Unemployed ('000)	62.7	76.2	63.8	-13.5	-1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.1	3.7	3.2	-0.6	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.2	3.6	3.3	-0.4	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	73.8	73.7	72.9	0.1	0.9
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	621.1	628.7	610.1	-7.6	11.0
Employed ('000)	595.9	603.9	585.4	-8.0	10.5
Full-Time ('000)	479.7	486.0	465.0	-6.3	14.7
Part-Time ('000)	116.2	117.9	120.4	-1.7	-4.2
Unemployed ('000)	25.2	24.8	24.7	0.4	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	3.9	4.0	0.2	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	69.7	68.3	-0.9	0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	December 2007	November 2007	December 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	518.8	525.2	517.3	-6.4	1.5
Male	280.4	283.2	275.6	-2.8	-4.8
Female	238.4	242.0	241.8	-3.6	-3.4
15-24 Years of Age	93.8	95.9	97.2	-2.1	-3.4
25+ Years of age	425.1	429.4	420.1	-4.3	5.0
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	499.1	505.9	497.3	-6.8	1.8
Male	268.4	272.8	263.4	-4.4	5.0
Female	230.7	233.1	233.9	-2.4	-3.2
15-24 Years of Age	86.9	88.3	90.1	-1.4	-3.2
25+ Years of age	412.3	417.6	407.2	-5.3	5.1
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	19.7	19.3	20.0	0.4	-0.3
Male	12.0	10.4	12.1	1.6	-0.1
Female	7.7	8.9	7.9	-1.2	-0.2
15-24 Years of Age	6.9	7.6	7.1	-0.7	-0.2
25+ Years of age	12.8	11.7	12.9	1.1	-0.1
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	3.8	3.7	3.9	0.1	-0.1
Male	4.3	3.7	4.4	0.6	-0.1
Female	3.2	3.7	3.3	-0.5	-0.1
15-24 Years of Age	7.4	7.9	7.3	-0.5	0.1
25+ Years of age	3.0	2.7	3.1	0.3	-0.1
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	68.4	69.4	69.3	-1.0	-0.9
Male	75.0	75.8	74.9	-0.8	0.1
Female	62.1	63.1	63.9	-1.0	-1.8
15-24 Years of Age	67.7	69.2	70.8	-1.5	-3.1
25+ Years of age	68.6	69.5	69.0	-0.9	-0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	December <u>2007</u>	November <u>2007</u>	December <u>2006</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	38.4	41.7	44.8	-3.3	-6.4
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	22.8	23.1	22.6	-0.3	0.2
Utilities	5.1	5.0	4.0	0.1	1.1
Construction	31.0	33.7	29.8	-2.7	1.2
Manufacturing	29.9	31.5	27.9	-1.6	2.0
Trade	84.2	80.3	86.6	3.9	-2.4
Transportation and Warehousing	25.0	24.2	24.8	0.8	0.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	27.5	28.4	26.8	-0.9	0.7
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.3	21.7	19.9	-0.4	1.4
Business, Building and Other Support Services	10.1	12.2	10.7	-2.1	-0.6
Educational Services	40.6	41.4	40.5	-0.8	0.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	61.9	61.9	61.1	0.0	0.8
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.2	20.1	19.3	0.1	0.9
Accommodation and Food Services	30.9	31.6	30.7	-0.7	0.2
Other Services	21.9	21.4	21.7	0.5	0.2
Public Administration	28.2	27.7	25.9	0.5	2.3
Total	499.1	505.9	497.3	-6.8	1.8
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	403.7	407.9	397.6	-4.2	6.1
Part-Time	95.5	98.1	99.7	-2.6	-4.2
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	407.2	414.3	401.6	-7.1	5.6
Public Sector	126.3	129.9	119.7	-3.6	6.6
Private Sector	280.9	284.4	281.9	-3.5	-1.0
Self-Employed	92.0	91.6	95.7	0.4	-3.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	December <u>2007</u>	November <u>2007</u>	December <u>2006</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	16,929.8	17,009.9	16,574.5	-80.1	355.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	213.0	215.3	211.9	-2.3	1.1
Prince Edward Island	66.4	66.7	66.0	-0.3	0.4
Nova Scotia	451.1	448.4	444.5	2.7	6.6
New Brunswick	360.6	366.8	349.0	-6.2	11.6
Quebec	3,848.0	3,885.4	3,757.5	-37.4	90.5
Ontario	6,626.0	6,656.9	6,543.9	-30.9	82.1
Manitoba	595.9	603.9	585.4	-8.0	10.5
Saskatchewan	499.1	505.9	497.3	-6.8	1.8
Alberta	1,982.3	1,962.7	1,899.5	19.6	82.8
British Columbia	2,287.3	2,297.8	2,219.6	-10.5	67.7
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.6	5.6	5.7	0.0	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.5	12.8	14.1	-0.3	-1.6
Prince Edward Island	11.9	11.8	13.6	0.1	-1.7
Nova Scotia	6.8	7.8	6.8	-1.0	0.0
New Brunswick	7.8	6.6	8.2	1.2	-0.4
Quebec	7.0	7.0	7.5	0.0	-0.5
Ontario	5.8	5.7	5.4	0.1	0.4
Manitoba	4.1	3.9	4.0	0.2	0.1
Saskatchewan	3.8	3.7	3.9	0.1	-0.1
Alberta	3.1	3.7	3.2	-0.6	-0.1
British Columbia	3.8	3.9	4.6	-0.1	-0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>Oct-Dec</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Sept-Nov</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Oct-Dec</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	6.1	6.0	6.7	0.1	-0.6
Halifax	3.9	4.5	4.1	-0.6	-0.2
Saint John	3.8	4.9	4.3	-1.1	-0.5
Quebec	5.1	4.8	5.3	0.3	-0.2
Montreal	6.8	6.7	7.5	0.1	-0.7
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.0	4.5	5.3	-0.5	-1.3
Greater Sudbury	4.7	5.2	6.1	-0.5	-1.4
Toronto	6.1	6.2	6.0	-0.1	0.1
Winnipeg	4.3	4.4	4.4	-0.1	-0.1
Regina	3.9	4.5	4.1	-0.6	-0.2
Saskatoon	3.4	3.1	3.0	0.3	0.4
Calgary	3.0	3.1	2.7	-0.1	0.3
Edmonton	3.7	4.0	3.5	-0.3	0.2
Vancouver	3.7	3.9	4.0	-0.2	-0.3
Victoria	2.6	2.8	3.4	-0.2	-0.8
SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	150.8	149.7	151.3	1.1	-0.5
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.3	54.8	54.4	-0.5	-0.1
Saskatoon-Biggar	165.6	166.3	160.8	-0.7	4.8
Yorkton-Melville	41.4	42.0	39.7	-0.6	1.7
Prince Albert & Northern	91.1	92.2	92.8	-1.1	-1.7

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 6

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Oct-Dec 2007	Sept-Nov 2007	Oct-Dec 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	521.9	523.1	516.6	-1.2	5.3
Employed ('000)	502.3	504.2	497.8	-1.9	4.5
Unemployed ('000)	19.6	18.9	18.8	0.7	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8	3.6	3.6	0.2	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	69.3	69.2	-0.3	-0.2
Employment Rate (%)	66.4	66.8	66.7	-0.4	-0.3
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	483.7	484.8	478.5	-1.1	5.2
Employed ('000)	468.3	469.9	463.9	-1.6	4.4
Unemployed ('000)	15.4	14.9	14.6	0.5	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.2	3.1	3.0	0.1	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	69.8	69.6	-0.3	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	67.3	67.6	67.5	-0.3	-0.2
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	38.3	38.3	38.1	0.0	0.2
Employed ('000)	34.0	34.3	33.9	-0.3	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	4.2	4.0	4.2	0.2	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.1	10.5	11.1	0.6	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	63.4	63.5	64.4	-0.1	-1.0
Employment Rate (%)	56.4	56.9	57.3	-0.5	-0.9
<u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	15.1	15.5	15.0	-0.4	0.1
Employed ('000)	13.0	13.3	13.1	-0.3	-0.1
Unemployed ('000)	2.1	2.2	1.9	-0.1	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.9	14.1	12.8	-0.2	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	55.4	56.9	55.8	-1.5	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	47.7	48.9	48.7	-1.2	-1.0
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	23.0	22.7	23.1	0.3	-0.1
Employed ('000)	20.9	20.8	20.8	0.1	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	2.1	1.8	2.3	0.3	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.2	8.1	9.9	1.1	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	70.0	69.0	71.7	1.0	-1.7
Employment Rate (%)	63.5	63.4	64.6	0.1	-1.1

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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